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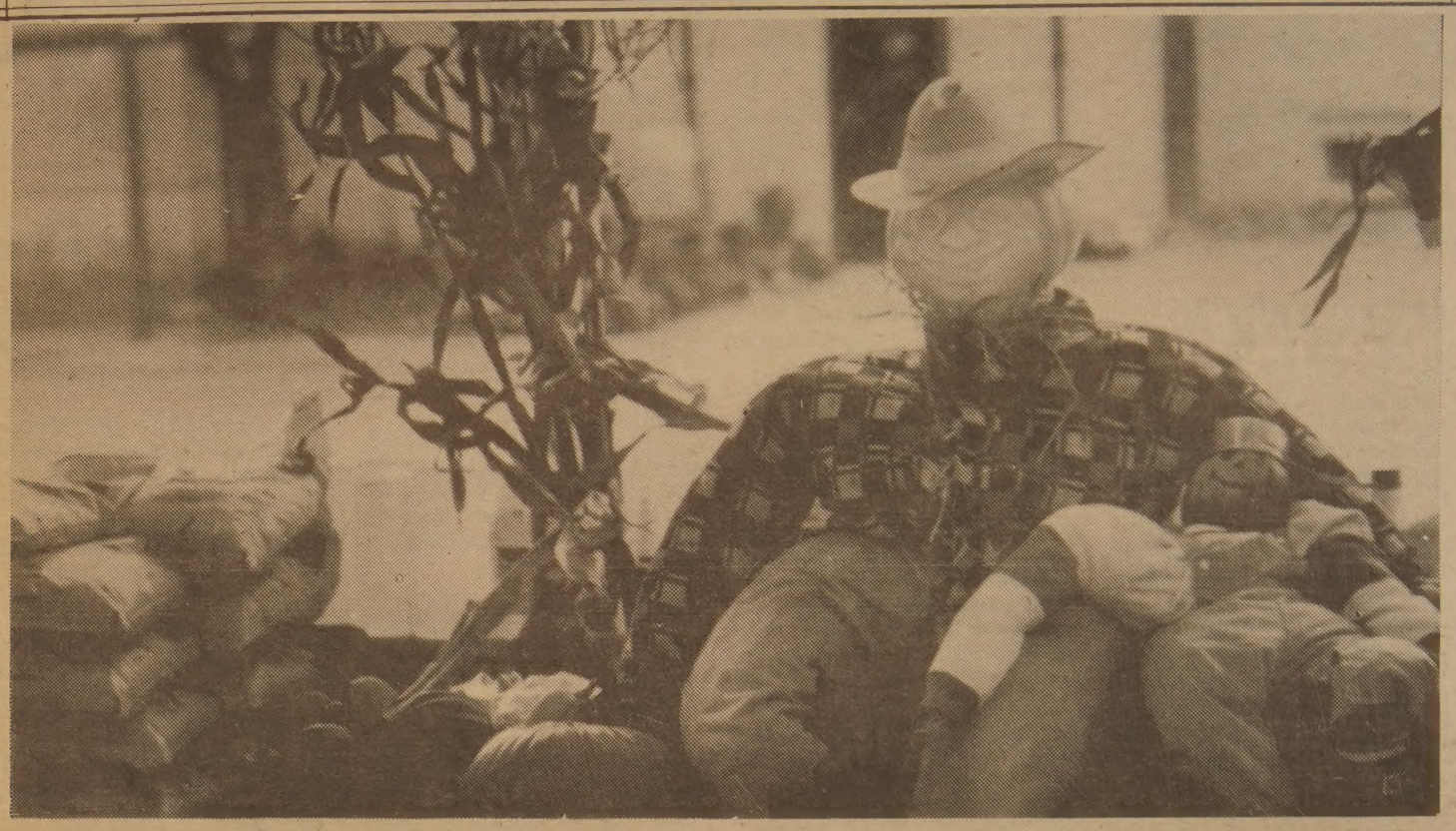

Father and son anticipate Halloween

As geese fly south and colorful leaves rustle to the ground, many catch the final warmth of a summer long past. Tales of Halloween and winter are slowly replacing faded tans and summer scenes. Photo by Dianne Hart

SAC urges students to donate

The college's 17th annual Blood Donor Clinic is slated for Monday, Nov. 9 in the gymnasium.

The clinic, sponsored every year by the Student Administrative Council, will be in the gym between 10 a.m. and 3p.m. All staff and students are being urged to donate and the special incentive of the Corpsuckle Cup will once again be presented to the class with the highest percentage of donors. The ambulance and emergency care program has won it in the past five years.

Barb Morrison, SAC vice president of external affairs and organizer, said she "expects about 250 pints."

Eugene Maltais, teacher and organizer, said the annual event at the college always has the highest turnout for the Welland Red Cross chapter. The college has had more than 250 donors a year for the past nine years.

GOOD BREAKFAST

People planning to give blood should have a good breakfast and abstain from alcohol 24 hours before donating. The Red Cross will not accept blood from people on medication, with a cold, who are not feeling well or from people weighing less than 90 pounds. "It may discriminate against programs of predominantly female students," Mr. Maltais said referring to the Corpsuckle competition. "This will be monitored to see if a rule change is needed next year."

This year, instead of having entire programs competing for the Corpsuckle Cup, it will be split up into their individual years. In case of a tie, duplicate trophies will be given out. Only full-time Niagara College students are eligible for the contest.

Women must be 18 to donate while men may donate at 17 with written consent.

NOURISHMENT GIVEN

Giving blood takes about half an hour and donors are given orange juice and doughnuts.

It is impossible to catch a virus from giving blood. Mr. Maltais stressed that AIDS cannot be transmitted this way because used needles are discarded. The blood is routinely tested for the virus.

Last year, a second Blood Donor Clinic was held at the college but the turnout didn't justify having a second one again. "It disrupts the school," Mr. Maltais said; "it takes up the entire gym."

The blood is needed for surgery, hemmorages, transfusions, anemia, leukemia, shock, burns and infectious diseases.

Few enrol, college suspends 2 programs

Two technology programs have been suspended this year due to insufficient enrolment, the Board of Governors was told at its meeting Oct. 22.

At present, there are five students in second-year chemical engineering technician. In chemical engineering technology, there are 17 enrolled in second year and 10 in third year.

Staff members are making efforts to promote these programs by visiting high schools and are making a promotional video.

This subject was previously discussed by the board last June.

Constituting 'conflict of interest' if teacher on Board: Chairman

A teacher on the Board of Governors could give rise to "a conflict of interest," F. William Ford, board chairman, said at the Oct. 20 meeting.

Replying to a question from internal member David Abraham who had asked whether this would constitute a conflict of interest, Mr. Ford said he understood this was the position of the Council of Regents, the governing body of the community colleges.

A paper from the council entitled Statutory Requirements and Guidelines on Conflicts of Interests and Roles was presented to an administrative affairs committee meeting of the board Oct. 8.

Minutes of the meeting said, "It was noted that it may be difficult for internal board members not to 'act as spokespersons for, or delegates of, any interest group.' Since this could present a dichotomy, it was suggested the council be asked how boards should interpret this paragraph. During the ensuing discussion, committee members emphasized that a governor's position on the board supersedes any other position and his/her primary responsibility is to the college and not to any interest group. It was suggested that the onus should be on the individual representing a particular constituency to decide whether he/she is in a conflict of interest."

DOESN'T AGREE

Mr. Abraham, who is also a faculty member, said in an interview that he did not agree with Mr. Ford's view on the subject. He is aware of a "potential problem" but said he felt that a teacher on the board would be beneficial because of first-hand classroom experience. "There is a definite advantage to it."

Mr. Abraham said he felt the board's philosphic point of view and an incident involving a conflict of interest in the past may be the reason for their stand.

He added that future problems in this area can be avoided if the issue is discussed and guidelines are established.

As an internal board member, Mr. Abraham sits in on board meetings but does not have a vote.

Versa makes first of change changes

The call of the loon is heard once again as Niagara's treasured coffee machines undergo renovations to accept the new dollar coin.

All the vending machines in Niagara College have been changed over this past week to accept what Canadians affectionately call the loonie.

"Niagara College is the first on our program" to receive changes in the vending machines, Leo Martelle, supervisor of Versa Vending, said. "Younger people will accept the dollar coin faster and easier than older people because younger people are more susceptible to change. That is why the company is doing Niagara College first.

"We've been fighting for the dollar coin for some time now and so far we've had good response," Mr. Martelle said.

"It is more of a convenience for customers not to have to get change," Jeff Hart, employee of Versa, said. "It only takes about 20 to 30 minutes to change over each machine," Mr. Hart said.

It costs Versa about $250 to change the coin mechanism in each machine, Mr. Martelle said.

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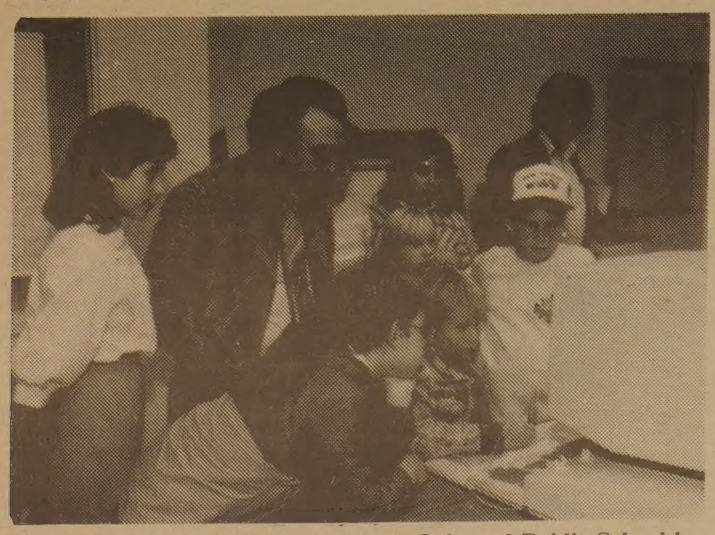


Visiting students, and a teacher from Oakwood Public School in Port Colborne, watch computer demonstrations at the college Oct. 20. George Duczmal and Alan Munro demonstrated how computers run robots and cut steel.

Hands-on experience shows practical uses

Grade 5 students, who visited the college Oct. 20, were treated to computer demonstrations: they controlled robots and ran computers.

They were a class from Oakwood Public School in Port Colborne, and nine students from their computer club.

Alan Munro, manufacturing computer applications teacher, and George Duczmal, technologist in the manufacturing, mechanical, construction division, demonstrated the computers' practical uses.

"We tried to take the mystery away from computers and have them realize that the computer is just a machine, just another tool," Mr. Munro said.

Oakwood School is advanced with computers and he thought it would be a good idea to invite the class to the college.

"I felt it was important that they be shown this stuff," he said. "These kids are going to have to live with computers.

"We grew up with calculators; they are growing up with computers."

3 from Malaysia visit, seek college help

Niagara College continues to extend its educational resources to foreign countries as delegation from Malaysia visited the college last Monday.

Dr. Mohyani Razikin of the Educational Planning and Research Division of the Ministry of Education in Malaysia said his country is trying to diversify the economy by creating a middle, but not high, technology base for the current agricultural base.

"We feel that colleges in Canada can help us in this," Dr. Mohyani said.

The three-man delegation represented three divisions of the 20 in Malaysia's centralized system of education. The other two members represented higher education, and technology and vocational divisions.

"We have special interests in program and facility development in Malaysia," Dr. Mohyani said.

ONE PROBLEM

A problem in Malaysia is no liaison between training students and industry, and sometimes there are too many graduates for certain industries and too few for others.

College representatives explained the college's organizational structure, and funding program development aspects.

"We will write papers on what we have seen and try to come up with suggestions that will help."

Dr.Mohyani said in the future, the college could become a consulting service and there is a possibility of student exchanges which he called a good gesture between countries.

The delegation has already visited George Brown, Sheridan and Humber colleges in Ontario.

Mardi Gras hotel dinner a hot time!

Niagara College hotel and restaurant students have already begun to plan for their annual theme dinner, to be held Jan. 23 at the Canadian Legion in Niagara Falls.

The tentative theme for this year is the Mardi Gras, and, if so, dinner guests can look forward to a hot time! Traditional New Orleans, Louisiana and Creole dishes, spiced with cajun, will be predominant.

The co-ordinator elected for the dinner is Leah Parker, third-year hotel and restaurant student. There are 21 elected positions for the planning and instrumentation of the dinner, and any other hotel and restaurant student may volunteer for bartender, dishwasher and waiting staff jobs.

"There is an enormous amount of work involved in the planning of these dinners," Leah said.

ALL BY STUDENTS

The students organize everything themselves — from figuring out a budget and constructing a menu, to renting a hall, linen and dishes, and preparing and making all the food.

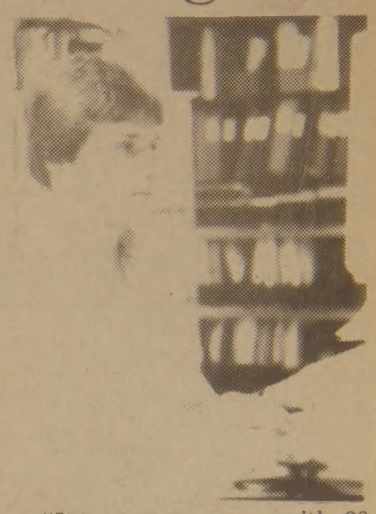
The purpose of the dinner is for students to gain experience in all aspects of the restaurant business. "It is not set up to make a profit," Mark Madsen, hotel club president, said. "We just want to cover food and rental costs." If any money is left after paying the bills, it goes toward a year-end "bash" for the students.

"The price of tickets may be a couple of dollars higher this year," Leah said. The cost of food is the reason for the increase. Tickets are expected to be between $20 and $25 each.

"There is a lot of hard work involved in the dinners," Mark said, "but they are great training for students, and a lot of fun for everyone."

Engineering student, grade 23 reading av.

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer



Steve Burrows, a modest, third-year mechanical engineering technology student, has a Grade 23 reading level, according to the word processor that graded his tech report. This translates into 23 years education.

"I thought it made a mistake," he said. "I didn't know it would get that high."

"It's unusual," Bert Mills, a teacher in the manufacturing, mechanical, construction division, said. "We got quite a chuckle out of it."

The readability index tells the level of education a reader will need to understand the document. It is based on a standard of the United States Department of Defence.

Steve ran chapter 1 of his tech report through Rightwriter, a word processor program dubbed an electronic English teacher, which gave him the readability level.

NOT TOO SERIOUS

The word processor evaluates readability, strength of delivery and use of descriptive words and jargon. It uses artificial intelligence techniques to analyse the document, a Software Review report said.

"It means a person with 23 years education could read it," Steve said. "I don't know how seriously I'd take it. You should never try to write above a Grade 12 level."

The subject of his tech report is a Pick-and-Place robot he is designing. The pnematically operated robot will be used for demonstrations, he said.

"We have to design, build, display and prove our projects," he said. "We have quite a workload."

All third-year technology students have to do tech reports and everything has to be done on computers, he said.

Steve plays intramural football, basketball and floor hockey and is the head coach of St. Catharines Rowing Club.

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Open House success

Wednesday's Open House was deemed a success, David Davies, an organizer, said. "I was quite pleased with the turnout."

This is the second Open House the college has held for high school students, Mr. Davies said. About 1,100 students attended this year's, about the same as last; the final tally won't be available for a couple of weeks.

High school students mingled in the halls, pausing to view program displays and visiting classes, getting a first hand look at what Niagara College has to offer.

Mr. Davies felt it was a "worthwhile experience," most of the comments made by high school teachers and counsellors were positive, he said. There was a better distribution of displays across the college this year with the business programs setting up their displays in the Merrit building and the secretarial arts having displays in the Mackenzie building.

Mr. Davies said he would like to see an Open House for high schools run every year or second year at the college because it allows high school students to get a "sense of the college," as well as being able to talk to students and teachers about their programs.

Club has high hopes

Shaz Laximer has been elected president of the Frenchship Club.

Other officers are Pat Gleadall, vice president; Judy Book, secretary; and Eleanor Campbell, treasurer. Marcella Pittana is the co-ordinator.

Future plans include bake sales, raffles and a proposed trip to Quebec City in the March break. Membership is still open to any students in the college.

Michele Jackic, left, stands confidently while modelling a pleated skirt and dolman sweater, while Nancy Croce wears an eye catching evening wear design. By Barb Horning

Search for architect begins

Architects and contractors are now being interviewed to build the Tourism and Hospitality Centre, Hans van der Slag, dean of business, said Wednesday. A meeting was held Monday with operators in the tourism/hospitality industry to question what they would like to see in the centre as employers of graduates.

According to operators' suggestions, "We could have the latest equipment and lates type of food product and we could almost operate as sort of a demonstration centre, and be known as the leading place to come where everything is new," a place where suppliers and manufacturers could display their products — manufactured products, food and types of cooking methods, Mr. van der Slagt said.

Meetings were held last Friday and more are scheduled for today with contractors and architects.

"We hope to have a decision to present to the board a week from this Thursday," Mr. van der Slagt said. If all goes well an announcement to inform the architect would be made on Nov. 6

LIKE LIBRARY

The operators, as buyers of Niagara's training programs, had some interesting suggestions, Mr.van der Slagt said. They would like to see the centre open to the operators so they could come and use it almost like a library to have information.

The centre will have a resource library, but the operators would like it to go beyond that. The operators suggest that flexibility be built into the programs. In particular, they would like to see Niagara become involved in more short term training of their employees.

"We liked their ideas and would like to see them incorporated into the centre," Mr. van der Slagt said. He was unsure if the suppliers would like to take part, but would like to encourage them. It weould help keep Niagara up to date.

New program

An experimental program the college ran last spring was so successful that Continuing Education will start it again in November. This time it will involve six natives sponsored by the Fort Erie Friendship Centre to help them gain employment.

Rewarding memories still linger on for the staff who were touched by 10 "delightful" native students who graduated from the program last term.

"They were just the most fantastic people," development officer Joan Warbis said. "They taught us so much."

"It was probably one of the most rewarding programs that I taught," development officer Carol Johnstone said. "They were tremendous people and very anxious to learn. These were not employable people before the program."

The Fort Erie Friendship Centre sponsored and referred 10 natives last term for a program offered through the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission's job strategy development and continuing education contracting services.

The students ranged in age from the 20s to mid 60s with one man and nine women. Three were grandmothers.

Fall Fashions

By BARBARA HORNING
and DONALD WILSACK
Staff Writers

This year's fall fashion colors of black, tobacco brown, teal blue and purple filled the eyes of admirers who watched the fashion club models show the fall line from Mode 3.

Niagara College's cafeteria was filled with anticipation and excitement Tuesday night as the fashion club held the show to raise money for a trip to Montreal at the end of the school year.

Mode 3 is a line of clothing designed and co-ordinated by former Niagara Falls residents Sandra Tullio and Shelley Brenneman, who stressed the importance of Canadian fashions.

The philosophy behind Mode 3 is "your wardrobe starts here." The versatility of the clothing — mix and match — teaches people to make the best of their dollar, Lisa Biamonte, show organizer, said.

The girls filled the audience with delight as they modelled the eye-catching casual and dressy sports wear ensembles.

A teal blue turtleneck set off the tobacco colored pleated skirt and jacket. The pleated skirt, ideal for petite women, allows for a generous hip measurement to add to the fullness of one's figure.

The draped collar dolman would do justice to any woman's figure because the shaped hemline adds a slimming and "finished" look. The teal blue draped collar dolman and black pleated skirt showed the audience how well a figure can be complimented.

The purple scoop neck top and black pleated pants were an eye catcher. The top which may be worn as a top or jacket seems to bring the eye down to the narrowing centre front, and up again to the slimming hip effect.

Pleated pants, shawl coatdresses, circle skirts and jackets were mixed in a ray of color coordination which can be worn interchangeably helping each create "their own style."

Earrings, high heels, belts and jewelery can be added to the outfit to add the magic touch for a successful appearance.

The 10-ounce interlock thick material cannot be found in stores but can be bought from Niagara College's own boutique, or from ordering through Mode 3. The 50 per cent cotton and polyester pieces are easy to take care of and do not wrinkle easily.

The models were nervous, the crowd excited and designer proud as the girls whisked up and down the stage flashing those big smiles.

2 retail students receive Woolco Award

Don Pearson looks on as Pam FitzGibbon accepts the Woolco Woolworth Award from Hans van der Slagt, dean of business. This award is given annually to a first-year student in good standing. Pam is a second-year retail management student completing the first year with an average of 83 per cent. Photo by Cindy Logan

Don Pearson congratulates Graham Gies, second-year retail management student, receiving the Woolco Woolworth Scholarship from Hans van der Slagt, dean of business. Graham completed first year retail management with an average of 80 per cent. Photo by Cindy Logan

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Editorials

SAC gives up raise

The increasing cost of living over the years has brought dissatisfaction to many in today's society, and left them battling costs attempting to live "comfortably."

Women and men, mothers and fathers, can be heard grumbling in grocery stores as they look at the prices of grapefruit, lettuce, or oranges, all necessary as part of their well balanced diet.

Car owners and drivers cringe as they pull up to the pumps, at the thought of how much money it will cost to fill their tank.

Individuals suffer anxieties as they watch the bills add up. Rent...rent...rent...keeps haunting their minds because they know it is due soon. While sitting on the bus, they think of how much of their budget is spent on transportation.

Well, our Student Administrative Council deserves credit for a noble act two weeks ago involving costs of living. These students who are faced with increasing tuition fees, book expense, food and shelter costs, transportation and extra curricular activities, turned down a 4.7 per cent cost of living raise.

It is really nice to see that not all government bodies are interested only in money. Our governing body could teach regional, municipal and federal governments to care more for their job, rather than just what is in their wallet.

Barbara Horning

Tactics against death

The discovery of Paula DesChamps' body has forced residents of this small community to realize that violent crimes are not restricted to the big cities.

When it happens in Toronto, it's a tragedy, but when it happens so close to home, it's also frightening and forces us to think about the cruelty and inequity in our society.

What is worse, it can happen again.

What can we do to protect ourselves? Some American states believe in arming their citizens by allowing them to carry guns. How can a murder weapon be considered a safeguard? We could bring back capital punishment; however, the death penalty has not established itself as a deterrent. This world is far from perfect, but it has too much to offer to hide yourself away behind locked doors and boarded up windows.

A couple of possible answers: education and common sense. Children should be taught, without using scare tactics, about the dangers of living in this society and how to avoid them. Common sense should be practised when considering things like hitch-hiking, walking alone at night and allowing strangers in the house.

This will not guarantee immunity against what happened to Paula, but let us hope it will cut down the chances.

Julie DeBruin

Support

United Way

Letters

Sac handbook wins praise of Red Cross president

Dear Editor:

I wish to express appreciation to the Student Administrative Council and Foster Zanutto and his staff for the space in the Student Handbook Calendar where they have informed the students about the Annual Blood Clinic held at the college.

We view the College Clinic as one of the most important clinics held in Welland as we can always count on getting our quota.

On behalf of Mrs. Frith, our clinic organizer and myself, I would also like to congratulate the college marketing and information services on producing a most attractive and useful handbook.

(Mrs.) Beatrice Kerr
President
Welland Branch, Canadian Red Cross Society

High calibre

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Brian McLaughlin for his interesting article on Jeanine Pearson ("Library student will graduate 20 years later").

In the 20-year history of the Library Technician Program at Niagara College, we have always been extremely fortunate in the high calibre of students attracted to our program. Jeanine continues the tradition.

Upon my return to the college this year after a sabbatical, it is a pleasure to note that the Niagara News, too, continues its tradition of fine journalism.

Robert Bowman
Co-ordinator
Library Technician Program

Parking — *P — for parking? No, student says*

Dear Editor:

At the end of last year I saw these strange green signs being erected around the campus, and I asked myself "What are these strange signs with a circle around a P?" Not yet completing my first year I decided I would ponder the situation until second year enlightenment would strike. Well it hasn't and the signs are still there. So, I thought maybe I'd come up with a few suggestions and perhaps the school's Board of Directors could hold a contest and choose one of my suggestions for this perplexing question of "P is for what ???."

P is for PERIL, i.e., Such a limited amount of room is available for parking that cars are forced to practically scrape up against each other to fit everyone in.

P is for PANIC, i.e., Getting to school 10 minutes early and ending up late for class because you spent the whole time looking for a parking spot and getting yourself in a chaotic frenzy.

P is for PNEUMONIA, i.e., The diseases that can be caught during your trek from your parking spot to the college, all the time thinking about how beautiful our vast 10 million acres of fields look that closely surround the college.

P is for PICTURES, i.e., The ones run each year depicting the damage done to the grass by students who can't find parking. The caption usually reads "Hundreds of dollars damage done to school property;"perhaps if we spent this additional repair money on more parking, Niagara News could take pictures of something more interesting than torn-up grass.

P is for POTHOLES, i.e., The 4x4 course that is slowly being created in the gravel parking lot behind the Simcoe Bldg. If the school needs money, perhaps it could charge admission to this obstacle course.

And last, but not least, people have suggested to me that P is for PARKING. To this I hold in my depressive laughter and tell the person that although I have not yet graduated, I have still been instilled with some knowledge, and the possibility that the circle with a P in it stands for parking is absolutely ridiculous and not worth considering.

Keith A. French
2nd Year Law and Security

P.S. Don't get me started on last year's proposal of paid parking, I couldn't stand the thought of agonizing with this idea.

Late? No parking spaces

Dear Editor:

The two photographs showing parking infractions by the Lundy Building heading the front page of your Oct. 16 edition have goaded me into a response. I park in this area fully aware of the problems.

I agree that many students (and teachers?) park in the non-designated areas; however I am truly puzzled by the administration's response to the problem. Finding a parking place on campus in this area later than 9:30 a.m. is usually an exercise in futility. The streets around the campus are designated "No Parking" by the City of Welland as well. It is no surprise that students park on the grass and in clearly marked no parking areas. We are, after all, a commuter campus.

When I questioned Mr. Spittle's office last year about the situation, I was told, "Arrive earlier, and you'll get a space." True, but surely it doesn't take a genuis to figure out that there will still be too many automobiles at some time of the morning.

I believe that because of the very nature of the college (commuter), we must increase the parking areas currently available. There is a large area by parking lot "E" which could be used. If money is a problem, how about a one-time user's fee to cover the cost of grading and gravelling a space?

Also, the present gravelled (?) lot is a disgrace. It is full of potholes and a hazard to tires, as I personally found out last year. Could we please have some action on the parking lot situation?

Carol Liboiron
Library Technician

Jackie asks students to support UW goal

A Letter to the College:

Another United Way Campaign has rolled around and I would like to ask our staff and students to join me in supporting this year's campaign. Last year, our College staff and students contributed $17,491 and the target set for us this year is $18,541. With over 3,000 full-time students and 500 full-time staff, we should be able to meet our target without putting a burden on any one person.

Because we have such high unemployment in our region, the donations that can be made by our College community are very important to the success of this campaign.

Your contribution, no matter what amount, will be sincerely appreciated by those responsible for raising the necessary funds to meet the community's demands in 1987-88.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jacqueline P. Robarts
President

Focus

Weather reports anyone's guess

By HELEN DOAN
Staff Writer

Pack away your umbrella and blizzard gear!

Southren Ontario will see below normal precipitation and average snowfall from late fall through winter. Major cold waves are anticipated in early and late December, at mid-January, and the beginning of February, and frequent snows are expected in-between — so says the 1988 Farmer's Almanac. But no blizzards are forecast.

However....

Curt McConkey, weather technologist and manager of the Niagara District Weather Office, says there may be trouble brewing because of this year's dry, hot, summer.

"When the lakes are a few degrees warmer, the potential is there for lake effect storms," he said.

He said with no ice cover over a lake, the water is relatively warmer than air. "When cold air comes in over warmer water, it produces unstable air masses which generate showers or flurries." The greater the variation, the more severe the results. Remember the blizzard of '77?

"With the last nine months having above normal temperatures, snowfalls and squall are a sure possibility," he said. Squalls are a combination of strong wind and cold air that can behave oddly. "Last year it was cold and sunny in St. Catharines, while Burlington had a mini-blizzard."

Vital

The Niagara Escarpment plays a vital part in weather, he said. There is a gentle up-slope from Lake Erie to the escarpment. Clouds form there, reach a peak at the escarpment and release precipitation. The down-slope on the north side has a drying effect.

"Weather on the surface is determined by what's going on 30,000 feet above, in the upper atmosphere," Mr. McConkey said. "Jet streams — streams of strong air — determine the speed and direction of disturbances."

How reliable are weather forecasts? "With all the computers we have and different functions they perform, it becomes a case of interpretation — which solution do we like best today?" He said all solutions take turns being right.

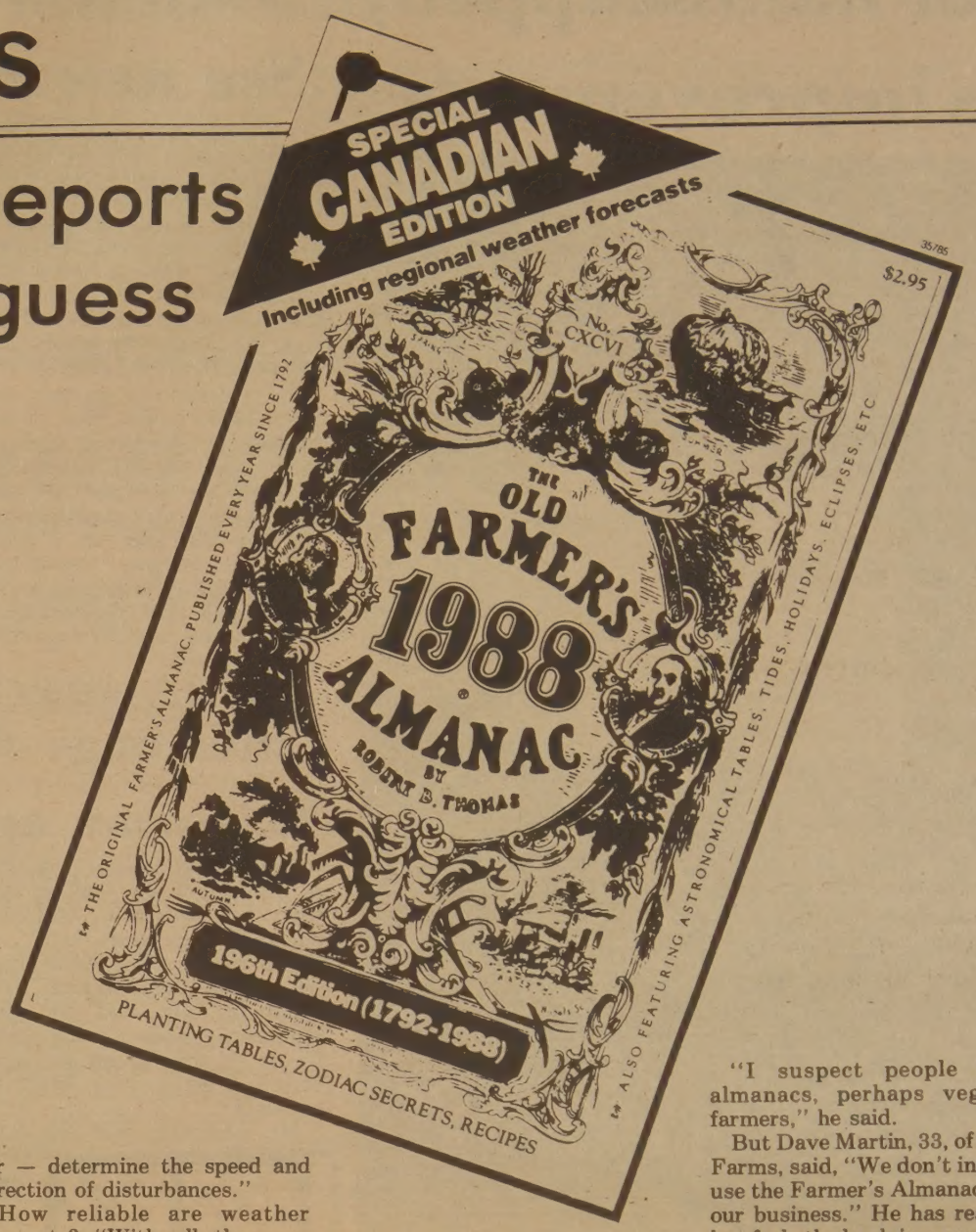
Large bodies of water affect the system so there is less accuracy along costal areas than on the prairies. But under normal circumstances, forecasts are "probably 70 to 75 per cent accurate for the first 24 to 48 hours and decrease with rapid speed beyond that."

Is the Farmer's Almanac the answer afterall?

"I wish I had a dollar for everyone who phones up and says they use it," Mr. McConkey said. "I suppose if we can't provide some sort of idea, it gives them access to someone who does. I understand the almanac is based on past records. A lot of experts believe weather runs in cycles. Therefore, it seems reasonable to put out a book like that."

Gerry Walker, pest management specialist at the Vineland Experimental Station, said he used to read the almanacs when he was a teenager. "I'm still curious about them, but I wouldn't use them in decision-making."

Instead he uses Enviroment Canada's five-day forecasts when making recommendations to fruit growers and feels they are probably 50 to 60 per cent effective. About 80 per cent of growers use a code-a-phone, a growers' 24-hour hot-line which is up-dated several times a week. Between April and September about 30,000 calls are received.



"I suspect people follow almanacs, perhaps vegetable farmers," he said.

But Dave Martin, 33, of Martin Farms, said, "We don't intend to use the Farmer's Almanac to run our business." He has read one, but feels the book is more for "city people who get a kick out of it." Martin Farms follow records from previous years and watch the weather when growing their vegetables. They use Environment Canada's weather radio alert and during critical times call the Niagara District Weather Office twice daily.

The Farmer's Almanac says its forecasts are determined by a 196-year-old secret formula "and the most modern scientific calculations based on solar activity...It is obvious, however, that neither we nor anyone else has as yet gained sufficient insight into the mysteries of the universe to predict weather with anything resembling total accuracy."

Get out the umbrella and blizzard gear?

Who knows?

Convention focuses on careers

Niagara College Rainbow Centre students have an opportunity to spend an exciting and informative weekend at the annual Hospitality Update convention, to be held in Toronto.

The event is available to all food service, hospitality and tourism students across Canada, and consists of a wide choice of seminars and workshops which focus on the students' courses of study, and their careers in the industry after graduation, according to a brochure announcing the event.

Update '88 takes place Jan. 28 through 30, and the theme this year is The International Scene, with a sub-heading, Food for Thought.

Host for the convention is George Brown college, proud owner of a newly opened "state of the art" hospitality building at its St. James campus, where students will be able to view the final entries and winners from the National Student Culinary Competition, The Taste of Canada, which coincides with the convention.

NEW CONCEPT

A new concept has been introduced into Update this year. Recent alumni from colleges and universities all across Canada have been asked to make oral presentations, and take part in question and answer periods with the students. This will give those in school now a graphic view of the industry in which, one day, they will be working.

Organizing Update '88 for the Rainbow centre are Mark Madsen, hotel club president, and Marc Robert, junior branch president of the Canadian Food Services Executive Association (CFSEA). "Last year we went to Montreal for Update," Mr. Madsen said. "We had a fabulous time, and are looking forward to Update '88."

There is a contest this year, from which a prize is awarded to the school that invents the most creative advertising scheme for Hospitality Update '88.

A fee of $85 covers the cost of all convention lectures and workshops, a luncheon buffet, dinner buffet and dance, all coffee breaks, and the Passport to Pleasure, a booklet of hot spots in Toronto.

Niagara's farmland important industry

By DIANNE HART
Staff Writer

The unique blend of location, soil and climate has made Ontario Canada's most diversified farming centre of the nation.

Although overshadowed by growth of urban industries, farmland still makes up more than half of the Niagara region and agriculture remains an important industry.

"Anybody who is a member of parliament for this area must be concerned for agriculture on a regular basis," Rob Nicholson, MP for Niagara Falls, said in an interview. "Never a week goes by that there isn't some agriculture-related issue which comes to my attention."

But it is not enough just to preserve the farmland, Mr. Nicholson said. "Just having land here and have a farmer go broke is no good; we have to make sure the farmer has a viable business."

Mr. Nicholson feels farmers' concerns are reasonable and justified involving labor, interest rates, promotion of products, fair competition and free trade negotiations. Even nationalism enters the picture.

"We should be a little more nationalistic," Mr. Nicholson said. "We could certainly become more sensitive to each other's needs and problems."

Wine

Air Canada's attitude about using Canadian wine infuriated him.

"The nationally owned airline — an airline owned by you and me — there were nothing but problems getting it to use Canadian wine.

However, he did not want to single out Air Canada because now it is serving Canadian wines.

Brights' Wines wrote Mr. Nicholson indicating they sold more than one-quarter of a million bottles of Canadian wine to Air Canada — "that's progress."

In another incident, an opening of a car dealership showing its new models for the coming year used as its theme — Buy North American — but they were serving French wine at the reception.

"It doesn't make sense for one group to be telling us to buy their product because it's made here in North America or Canada when they are not supporting another product."

The North American auto industry ran a big campaign a number of years ago — Buy the car that your neighbor helped to build. "A very effective campaign but it should not be confined to the auto industry."

The free trade agreement will certainly have some implications for the agriculture industry, he said. Agriculture not only provides employment for the farmer but also for people who work in canning and process plants, in trucking and wholesaling and at retail level. About one in six jobs in Canada is related to the agriculture food industry; in the peninsula that works out to about 30,000 jobs.

In the Niagara peninsula the tender fruit industry, and grape juice and wine industry must make sure they are not subject to any unfair competition from the United States. That may well happen with the free trade agreement if certain issues are not made part of that agreement, Mr. Nicholson said.

Control

"I would like to see some sort of a system where we keep out American tender fruit during months in which we are marketing and selling our own fruit. We don't want our markets swamped by American imports in July, August or September."

Labor is a constant problem for local farmers. Unemployment is relatively high in the peninsula in the winter but drops considerably in the summer, the time when farmers most need help.

"A farmer cannot pay a wage which will make him uncompetitive. He must watch the bottom line to see what he can sell his product for to the consumer. That in many ways dictates what he is able to pay his help."

"If somebody has a job and is working, we all benefit from it — the government, the neighbor, the city — Canada," Mr. Nicholson said. "That's all we want, we want to make sure everybody is working and has a good job.

St. John Ambulance

Difficulties for handicapped, college needs improvements

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer

Although Niagara College conformed to the building specifications of 20 years ago, there is still a need to improve the college to make it accessible for the handicapped.

"If the college is accessible it has to be completely accessible. It can't go halfway," Dawn Hall, college nurse, said. She was referring to a lack of handrails on the ramp outside the counselling office in the Voyageur building.

"There are holes for the railings to go in but no railings," she said. This ramp is one of the steepest at the school and it is quite difficult to push a wheelchair bound person down it because gravity pulls the chair and it is too easy to let go, Mrs. Hall said.

"We've ramped every building with access to the outside," Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services, said. The ramps were built to the specifications of the day when the college was built.

"The first time any consideration had been given to handicapped people" was in 1974 when the Lundy-Merritt building was being constructed, Mr. Spittle said. "There has been no construction since then."

"It's easy to feel discriminated against when you have to go to the back of the building to gain access to the upper floor of the library," Richard Andres, a student in the business sales program, said. "It is a bit of an inconvenience."

The library is not completely accessible but, according to head librarian Trish Labonte, it is 100 per cent better than last year. Most of the books were on the lower floor of the library and the stacks were so close together a wheelchair could not fit between them, and could not even get down to the lower level.

Renovations to the library were finished in June and the books were placed on the main level with the stacks spaced wide enough apart to allow a wheelchair access.

All the research material is still on the lower level and still inaccessible unless a wheelchair is carried down the stairs. If a handicapped student needs research material, the library staff will find it and bring it up to them.

Wait

A handicapped student has to wait for a library technician to open up the door to the library. It has to be this way because of the library security, Sandy Brooks, library technician, said.

"The staff are very nice and helpful but yet it is still an inconvenience," Richard said.

Costs have to be considered and, until then, handicapped students will have to rely on library technicians to get their material for them, Mr. Spittle said.

The ramps in the Merritt building are steep, Richard said. The bridge leading from parking area D is also steep. "I don't know what I'm going to do in the winter."

"The outside ramps are too terrible," Jim Piehl, a student in an electric wheelchair studying personnel management, said. He hopes a railing will soon be installed and would like to see electric doors at the main entrances.

Last year he had a class in the Black Walnut building and in a portable but was granted room changes to more accessible locations.

Handicapped students face problems at Niagara

Consideration

"Things I bring up now are being taken into consideration," he said, referring to the handicapped desk that was placed in the lobby outside the library for his convenience.

Teachers insisted on having all assignments typed but because Jim has use of only one arm, the dean's office arranged for a student from the secretarial program to type them for him for a minimal fee.

There are 15 parking spots for 15 handicapped students, Mr. Spittle said. The number of spaces devoted to handicapped parking fluctuates on how many students need them.

Annette Bailey-Belaire studies human relations and relies on her MOBY, an electric scooter, for transportation. Most of the washrooms are accessible but some are hard to get in and out of, she said.

For the convenience of students operating electric wheelchairs, an outlet has been provided at the rear of the counselling area to plug in the wheelchair batteries for recharging.

Jim would like to see a change made in the bookstore to simplify the serving of the disabled.

Changes

Some changes are being made such as railings installed in the washroom at the Health Centre, Mrs. Hall said.

Richard "compromises" when he is confronted with an inaccessible situation at the college or anywhere else. Should he have to?

Need a way home? See new ride board

A suggestion to put up a map of Ontario as a "ride board" by which students can request or offer rides for visits home and everyday travel outside the Niagara Region has been accepted by the SAC office. "The ride board will be up next week, on the bulletin board between the library and the SAC office," Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs, said.

First-year dental assistant student Leanne Lanfantaisie, of the Manitoulin Island area, wrote to the Student Administrative Council at the end of September suggesting that since travelling home for long week-ends "is difficult and time-consuming," a system in which students with home towns in the same area could organize rides together would be beneficial to all involved.

The plan is for a huge map of Ontario to be erected in a main area of the college with major cities and towns marked off by pegs or hooks. Color-coded paper would be available for those students either looking for or offering transportation., The paper would be filled out and attached to the area of destination.

Also organizing the planning of the ride board was Marlene Winters, bookkeeper.

Having such a system at the college would make it easier for the student body to get in touch with others for sharing rides. Not only would it be financially helpful, but also, "new friendships would be created," Leanne said.

The idea was introduced to Leannne at another college where it proved beneficial and she said it was appreciated by everyone involved.

Litter bugs clean up act, Krikorian appreciative

New garbage containers installed on campus are working out well, Ed Krikorian, building operations supervisor, said.

"I've seen students putting garbage into the cans," he said. "The weather's been cold and the students have been coming inside to eat. If they've got garbage, they're bringing it in, which is excellent."

Mr. Krikorian said the containers are emptied two or three times each week and one of the college truck drivers, John O'Neal, routinely checks the parking lots for glass and garbage before school begins in the morning.

"We appreciate what the students are doing for us by not littering," Mr. Krikorian said. "It makes it easier for my staff to work on campus."

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A Christmas Carol at Theatre Centre

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Theatre Centre is going to the community this year more than ever before. The 1987-88 season will include in addition to reguler performances in Welland, two productions at the Playhouse and the Theatre at Brock University, and two feature roles are to be cast outside the program.

Second-year students held a press conference to announce this year's season: Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, adapted by Duncan McGregor; Sweeney Todd by C. G. Bond and SHOWCASE '88.

"Touring will bring our show to a wider audience and broaden our public image," Mark Ryder, a second-year student, said.

Two starring roles in the production are being cast outside the program. Ebenezer Scrooge will be played by Tom Strawford, Niagara College teacher and well known community actor. Auditions for the part of Tiny Tim will be held Nov. 5 at the Theatre Centre. A child aged 10 to 14 is required for the role.

This casting will provide an opportunity for the students to work with people outside the school, Shae Marie Casner, a second-year student, said.

Sweeney Todd will be the second production. The classic thriller/melodrama tells of a demon barber on Fleet Street. It will run from Feb. 24 to Feb. 26 at the Theatre Centre, and at Brock's The Theatre from March 1 through March 3.

Touring will require building sets that are easily mobile, and that can be accommodated in another theatre, Shae Marie said.

The centre's season finale will be SHOWCASE '88, which will run from April 21 to April 23.

The productions will consist of morning, matinee and evening performances with ticket prices of $3.50 for matinees and $4.50 and $3.50 for evening shows. All proceeds go back to the college.

Entertainment

Heard it through grapevine: company's second season

While students and faculty at the Niagara College Theatre Centre are engaged in preparations for the upcoming season, a group of the students are busily planning a season of their own. This year marks the second season of the students' own theatre company, Grapevine.

Founded in 1987 by theatre student Joel Rinzler, the Grapevine Theatre Company is run entirely by a group of students enrolled at the Theatre Centre. Their aim is to get Niagara College students involved in all aspects of theatre, including on-stage performance as well as behind-the-scenes work.

"It's not a drama club," Brian Hills, a second-year student and president of Grapevine, said. "It's a mix of drama and theatre."

"We just got together and decided to put it together," Joel said of the company's conception.

"We run it just like the school and their productions — totally by the book."

With $160 from SAC, various fund raisers and complete use of the centre's facilities, the Grapevine Theatre Company scored its first success with last year's production of Suicide Meet.

"It's a really good feeling knowing we've done it," Brian said. "It's really good experience."

This year the students plan to present two productions, a play entitled The Last Real Summer by Canadian author Warren Graves, tentatively scheduled for late January, and a cabaret-style show.

"One of our mandates is to put on strictly Canadian productions," Joel said. "We all have a strong feeling toward Canadian theatre."

The students are given time and assistance by the theatre faculty in support of the project.

"(Last year) every one of them offered a time slot and that helped enormously," Joel said.

The company is made up of 35 theatre students, including an eight-member executive. Vice president Jill Hennessey was the only main campus student to join Grapevine last year, and this year she is enrolled in the centre's preaudition option program.

"I'm really hoping that we get a lot more support from main campus students," Brian said. "That's one of the things I'm really pushing for."

Auditions will be held in the next two weeks at the Welland campus in an endeavor to get more students involved. Anyone wanting more information should contact Brian or Joel at the Theatre Centre, or just leave a message. The number is 735-0550.

Audience relives past with pianist Kuerti

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

Brock University's The Theatre echoed the sounds of one of Canada's most acclaimed pianists, Anton Kuerti, on Oct. 25.

Accompanied by his wife, cellist Kristine Bogyo, Mr. Kuerti gave an eloquent display of expertise as he gracefully took his audience on a journey back 200 years. The concert was sponsored by the Brock Philosophical Society.

The attentive onlookers were treated to a two-hour set that featured the works of J.S. Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, Alberto Ginestera and Johannes Brahms. The compositions were dramatic, playful, and, at times, striking, as Mr. Kuerti passionately captured the spirit of the works.

The faintly lit stage at The Theatre was lined with little decor, but was ample background for the provocative, timeless music.

Thundering applause followed Mr. Kuerti's solo performance of Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata. Listening with closed eyes, one couldn't help but envisage the grand piano flying out from under the artist and taking to the air.

The stellar performance concluded with Brahms' cello and piano Sonata in F major, and both Mr. Kuerti and Miss Bogyo returned to the stage for three consecutive bows before the appreciative audience.

Mr. Kuerti and his wife, an acclaimed cellist, have performed worldwide. The couple live in Toronto, and have two children. An active humanitarian, Mr. Kuerti's performance seems to reflect a passion for and understanding of life.

New program helps students cope

The life of a student can often be hectic and confusing. A new program introduced in the Niagara Region in September by Priority Management Systems (PM), was developed to teach students how to effectively meet the demands of a busy and challenging schedule.

The program, TIME:TEXT — Student Edition, is organized and instructed by Gord Henderson, a former Brock university student and an associate of the PM franchise. Mr. Henderson teaches high school, college and university students how to maximize their time and develop more effective study habits, achieve goals, increase comprehension skills and even obtain higher marks on exams and assignments.

"Today, students want to strive for the perfect career, the perfect mind, the perfect body and the perfect social life," Mr. Henderson said. "Our TIME:TEXT student system trains people to check and evaluate themselves so nothing is overlooked."

Mr. Henderson said the program is the first of its kind in this area. It consists of three two-hour workshops over a two-week period and a private, one-on-one consultation to help students continue their self-management and study practices. There is a maximum of 20 persons in each group.

END PROCRASTINATION

The workshops concentrate on time management, effective study habits, developing research and test strategies, setting and following up on personal goals, organizing multi-step assignments and projects and how to eliminate cramming and procrastination in school, and everyday life.

Mr. Henderson also instructs students to focus on important tasks first and foremost, and to self-monitor their progress to accomplish daily, weekly and monthly goals. Academic and personal goals and tasks are consolidated into one place called, the TIME:TEXT Organizer. With this, the students do a "15-minute workout a day." They use it to plan a schedule for the following day, and for the months ahead.

"When you fail to plan, you are actually planning to fail," he said.

The program is not only for young people, but also for adults. It helps them refresh and upgrade their skills. "It is an invaluable tool for any student who wishes to succeed," a student who completed the program said.

After attending the program, students may return as many times as they wish to refresh their techniques, free of charge.

The TIME:TEXT — Student Edition teaches "everyday lifeskills — not just skills for school," Mr. Henderson said.

Workshops begin Nov. 10, 12 and 26 in St. Catharines at the Central Public Library. For more information, call 374-7000.

Porter revue at Brock

Garden City Productions of St. Catharines is presenting for its fall show a Cole Porter revues, It's de-Porter.

The production, directed and choreographed by Wendy Leard, will open Nov. 6 at the Playhouse at Brock University and will run to Nov. 21, with matinees on Sundays.

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Students work hard for rewarding week

Many long hours were put in by second-year journalism students last week — their work week — when they gained invaluble practical experience.

Throughout the week students attended various events including a day in Provincial Court, and an evening at St. Catharines City Council.

The students also visited the Niagara College Theatre Centre where the Theatre Centre students put on two press conferences, in which they announced their 1987-88 season, and a second which discussed the students' views on the proposed relocation of the Theatre Centre to St. Catharines.

Program co-ordinator Austin Jelbert noted that Work Week gives the students a chance to apply the principal that they have been taught.

"This is part of what makes our people job-ready when they leave," he said.

A LONG SESSION

The St. Catharines City Council meeting began at 4:30 Monday afternoon, and ended at 10 that evening, with only a one-hour supper break.

Second-year student Brian McLaughlin said of the council meeeting, "It really gave you a grass root practice toward the working of city government. I found it really rewarding."

On Wednesday the students sat through an entire day of Provincial Court in Cayuga. The day included a number of adjournments, a preliminary hearing, a trial and several guilty pleas.

Wendy Kudeba said," The day in court was interesting because I really never knew how our system operated. It gave me a chance to see some of the things I may encounter when I enter the work force."

The days in which the students were not at an event they were kept very busy. They spent up to nine hours a day hammering out thier first stories.

Helen Doan said, "I worked on the stories every night almost until midnight as well as class time. On the final weekend, aside from going to two hockey games, I worked continuously on the stories and was greatly relieved when I was finished. Although there was a lot of work, I'm glad we had the experience now, before we're thrown into the work force in the spring."

Journalism students take to the theatre

Niagara College's second year journalism class attended two press conferences held by a management class of second year theatre students at the Niagara College Theatre Centre.

The meeting Oct. 19 was designed to provide both groups with practical experience for their chosen fields.

"I think it was very exciting," Valerie Grabove, theatre co-ordinator, said. "It gave the students an indication of how important it is to be able to articulate, and to be able to explain how things are managed."

Following an introduction by Katherine Homes, Director of Communications for the Shaw Festival and part time guest lecturer at the Centre, the students broke into groups of two to conduct one-on-one interviews.

The interviews were followed by two press conferences announcing the dates and activities surrounding the upcoming season, and the possible relocation of the centre to St. Catharines.

The press conference was one of a number of special events the journalism students took part in during their work week. The students later wrote accounts of the conferences and interviews as part of a classroom exercise.

Barbara Blue, journalism instructor, also found the morning "exciting." I particu'arly liked the lively discussion and stimulating exchanges between the journalism and theatre students," she said. "It was a good exercise in questioning, getting information and thinking on their feet."

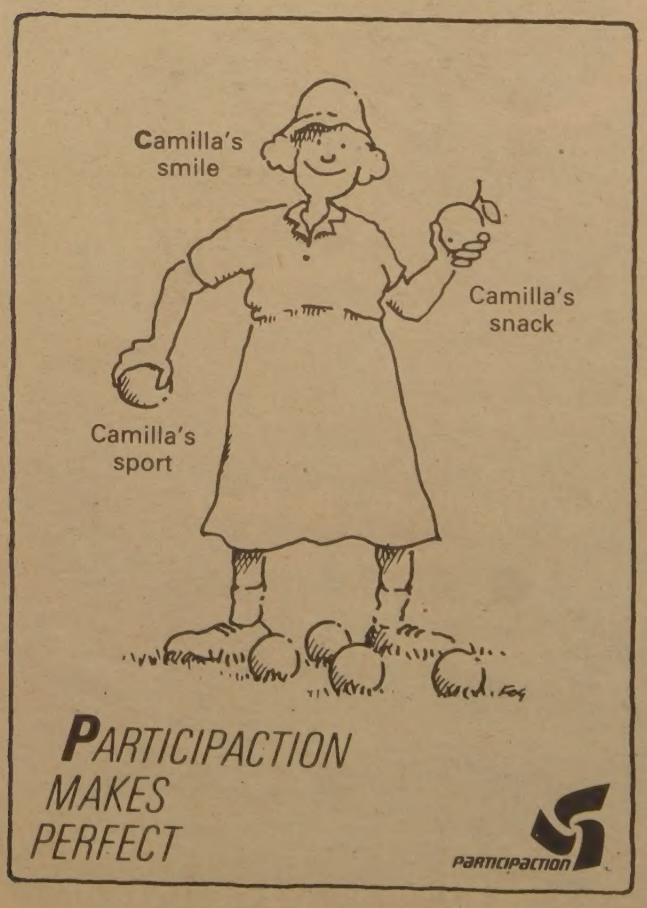
Businesses' BEN interest to students

With the "enthusiastic leadership" of Larry Cote, co-ordinator of marketing management, the School of Business has started the Business Education Newsletter, Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said Wednesday.

BEN is a promotional concept that might be of interest to high school students. Staff has been preparing interesting information about the college and the School of Business, in particular.

It contains some articles and items of interest which will be sent to high school teachers and counsellors — particularly business teachers to make them aware of "all the great things" in the college and the School of Business, Mr.van der Slagt said.

In conjunction with promotion, two teachers, Wayne Ferry and Ann Wyllie, orgnized colorful displays for Wednesday's Open House. They arranged for a number of second and third year students to act as guides. Students seem more comfortable with someone their own ages than with someone older, Mr. van der Slagt said. "We were quite pleased with the turnout."



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Sister Nora haunts Theatre Centre

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

Halloween is a time for ghosts and goblins. A time to hide under the bed in fear of monsters which may be lurking about during the witching hour on Oct. 31.

It is a time for stories to be told while sitting around a warm fireplace. Stories of horror, gore and the evil and inexplicable things which happen to unfortunate souls who wander into the wrong places at the wrong time.

It is not a time for stories of love, passion and innocence; yet that is the most popular story at the Niagara College Theatre Centre.

In 1934, the Theatre Centre was a church and the priest was named Peter. Another member of the congregation was Nora, a young, pretty nun. Nora, as the story goes, was either raped by Peter or was engaged in "an erotic love affair" with him, Mark Ryder, a second-year student, said.

Pregnant

Nora became pregnant and hanged herself or was killed by Peter. Peter may have done it to protect himself and the reputation of the Catholic church. Nora was found hanging from the rafters just above the church balcony.

Occasionally, in the dark, gloomy theatre — especially if no one else is around — people have claimed to hear voices arguing. Look up to the balcony, where the worn balcony railing still sits, and the outline of a body slowly swaying by the rope around its neck can easily be imagined.

Some say they don't have to pretend because they have seen these things. Students have whispered tales of feeling a sudden rush of cold or hot air in the basement dressing room even though there are no windows or large vents. Dresses suddenly fall off hangers. Heaters have shut down for no reason.

"I don't think I'd call it an experience," Mark said describing another incident. "I was working late at night in the sound room when I heard a knock at the door. I shook my fist at it because I was busy and didn't want to be bothered. Then I thought, what if it's a teacher. When I got up to check, there was no one there or anywhere around."

Mark left the room and was about to leave when the program co-ordinator, Valerie Grabove, came out of her office and was shocked to see him there. She told Mark that all the students had gone and he was lucky she had forgotten something or he would have been locked inside.

Mark feels many of the stories may just be "tall tales," but the people who are reluctant to talk about their experiences are more easily believed since they don't seem to exaggerate or glamorize their stories. "The more Nora is talked about, the more she is created," he said.

Some of the earliest stories began in 1974, five years after the college took over the building. A student entered a crawl space between the roof of the building and a fake roof erected by the school. He fell but only his leg came through the roof. All that kept him from falling was that someone grabbed him. There was no one else in the crawl space with him and it is now off limits to all students.

It has always been said the centre has a certain character of its own. Maybe that is why Nora was created or vice versa, Mark said.

The legend has begun to die, however, in the past few years. "Maybe we all invented Nora and now that we're leaving, she's dying too," Mark said of the proposed move to St Catharines.

A logical explanation is that the building is old, creative people come up with creative stories and a small incident gets blown into a full fledged rumor many times.

But it's Halloween and who wants logical stories?

Electronic equipment for offices

A major investment in equipment is now in place for the office administration programs at Niagara College. The equipment installed over the summer is in excess of $100,000.

The two major components are 31 microcomputers (Tandy 1,000) and 60 electronic typewriters (Silver Reed) with 8K memory. In additon seven printers and 23 transcribers are in place —"all modern state of the art equipment," Ivar Noren, chairman of math, office administration and part time studies, said.

"We think we're offering training for the person who is interested in office administration work second to none in the peninsula," Hans van der Slagt, dean of business said. "We're very pleased about that and think it'll have a major impact in enrolment. It certainly will have an impact on the quality of training."

"Just like a dream come true," Yolande Bissonnette, co-ordinator of typing and machine transcription, said. The equipment had become run down and very poor and now the returning students can compare the new equipment to the old.

"We feel we are in the electronic age," Mr. Noren said. The staff has been burning the midnight oil, he said.

Mr. van der Slagt said all of the staff has been affected one way or another having to adapt to the new equipment.

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Larry makes bail

Radio and television co-ordinator Larry Taylor was arrested and held in jail until bail was determined last week.

Mr. Taylor was arrested on a charge of "being too nice to his students" brought against him by these same students, and was placed in "mock" jail until he paid $40 bail.

RTV students raised $80 for the United Way, through the Jail and Bail '87 program.

For a small donation to the United Way someone could have a friend, relative or teacher arrested and placed in a "mock" cell to serve their charge, or until bail determined.

The accused must match the complaintant's donation in order to pay his bail.

Two officers came to the RTV lounge and arrested, charged and handcuffed Mr. Taylor in front of his students who conveniently had a camera to film the episode.

"He had no idea what was going on," Irene Hawke, whose 2 a.m. thought led to his arrest, said.

Miss Hawke and her collaborator Heidi Shurmann, and video crew Steve Payne, Glenn Heshka, Brooke Jacobs and Tom Ashbee followed the accused and officers to the "Jail."

An iron gate and strands of crepe paper created the prisoner's cell, located between the bank and Double N Restaurant at the Seaway Mall. A judge dressed in a black gown and holding gavel in hand watched over the accused Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor could not plead guilty, Miss Hawke said, or he would have been admitting his niceness, but he did not want to plead no guilty implying he was mean to his students.

When Mr. Taylor appealed his charge he was sentenced to 30 additional minutes in jail because "you can never appeal a United Way charge," the Judge told him.

"Teachers better stay tuned, because next year all our teachers will be arrested," Miss Hawke said.

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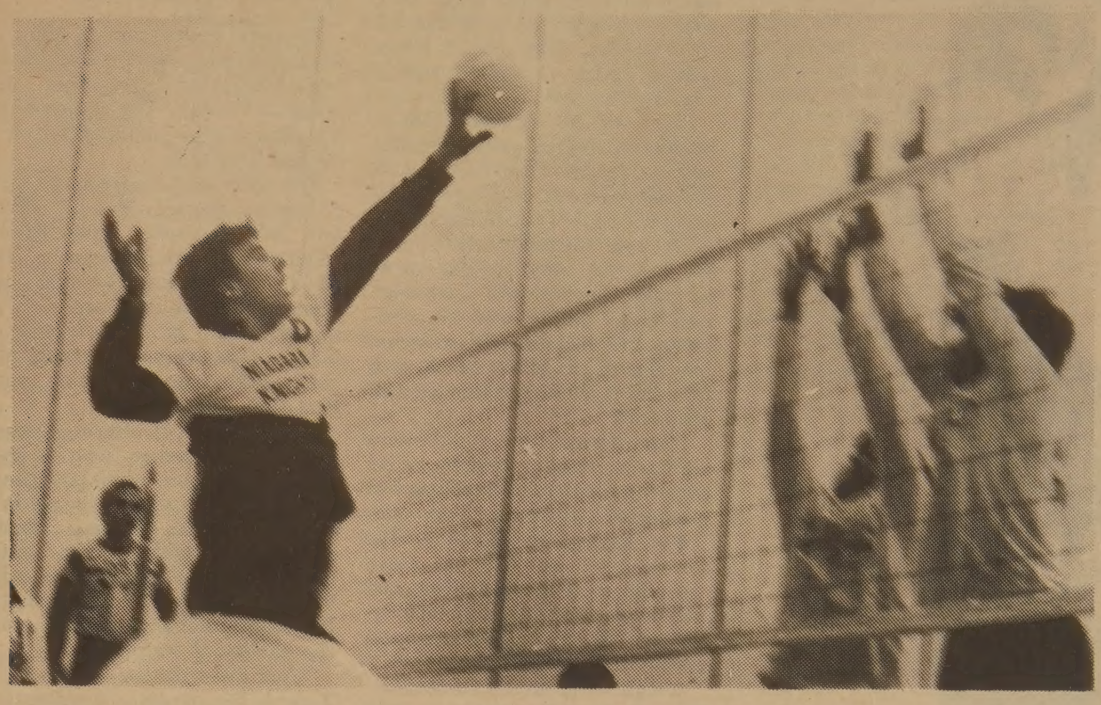

In your face!

Paul Blakely of the Niagara College men's volleyball team leaps high in the air to tip the ball past two Centennial High defenders. The two teams put on an exhibition match for the school's Open House on Wednesday. Photo by Randy Conlon

Volleyball teams display talents for Open House

The Niagara College men's and women's volleyball teams put on exhibition games against Welland Centennial High School on Wednesday as part of Open House in an attempt to help draw area high school students to Niagara for its varsity volleyball program.

The two Niagara teams are just getting their respective programs off the ground, and this is one way of trying to develop a strong volleyball program.

As of now, it looks as if the men's team has gotten off to a quicker start than the women's. The men split their four games with Centennial, and the women lost all three of their games. But women's coach Judy Halaiko said, "The team is really coming together. We're taking it one game at a time."

Men's coach Ray Sarkis feels confident about the team's outlook. Although the team looked sloppy at times against Centennial, with more experience the players will be very competitive in their own league.

"We have to work on our passing game. Once everybody learns their positions better we should be a very good team."

The men's volleyball team for the 1987-88 season consists of Yves Aubin, Dave Bellerby, Paul Blakely, Gord Bonisteel, Carmine Colorocchio, Ken Geyer, Paul Hill, Anson Humphreys, Darryl Maude, Ron McPherson, Chris Mudjar, George Polihronis, Tom Vitez and Jeff Vyse.

For the women the team will be Peggy Bonisteel, Tanya Carlton, Sheryl Demrah, Tami James, Anne Labrie, Donna Muchynski, Pat Reynders, Jody Smith, Cathy Somerville and Michelle Watson.

First bonspiel coming Nov. 20

Niagara College will be host of the first bonspiel of the curling season at the Welland Curling Club on Nov.20.

Bob Young, team coach and manager, said he is looking forward to it and that since it is early in the six-month season,"things are a little bit loose from now to December."

The"quality of curling has increased manyfold and the competition is keen," Mr.Young said. However, " it is statistically difficult" to compete with teams like Seneca who have 10,000 day students to choose from.

"Curling is a game of skill and it can by played and enjoyed at any level, whether strictly for laughs or for serious competition."

The four players on each rink must work well together because curling requires a true team effort. Each player depends on every other to make it work.

A bonspiel is a long day but Mr. Young is "really optimistic" about how well his team will do. "There are some outstanding people in the group."

The team has the advantage of being able to practise together in Welland. Many times, the team has been unable to do so since the players lived farther apart from one another.

The team curls two times a week as a team. This does not include the time players spend with their hometwon curling clubs or tournaments.

Knights hockey team fares well at Cheektowaga tourney

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

Now that the exhibition season is over, coach Fred Bassi can start working towards developing the unit he has chosen to play for the Niagara Knights hockey team. With his roster cut down to 25 players, Mr. Bassi can focus his attention on the uncoming season and what to expect.

"Now that I have a nucleus to work with, we can start working on other aspects of the game to improve," Mr. Bassi said.

Coming off a weekend tournament in Cheektowage N.Y., where the Knights were rewarded with a second-place finish, Mr. Bassi said he's had a good look at the talent and is happy with what he has. The Knights played Conestoga last Saturday in the tourney and came away with a convincing 9-2 victory in what Bassi described as "a good game to be a coach in."

"Our whole defence played well; the whole game on our part was almost a flawless performance," he said. "We had team unity."

3 IN 58 SECONDS

The Knights scored three goals in 58 seconds to set the tone of the game and had no problems thereafter.

Winning this game put the Niagara squad in the championship game, held last Sunday, against Buffalo State who earned their berth into the final by defeating the University of Rochester.

Mr. Bassi described the game as chippy and totally opposite of Saturday's game in explaining his team's 6-3 loss.

"We were flat; we didn't play a good game."

Chippy

Although the team as a whole suffered a letdown with the loss, three players on the team were selected to the tournament All-Star Team; Mike Martineau, defenceman; Chris Vandermer, centre; and Mark Bush, goaltender.

On Oct. 17, the Knights were hosts to Buffalo State in an exhibition contest coming out on the short end of the score 8-5. Again this game was a chippy one with sloppy play by both teams. Niagara skated will and played the body when necessary, sometimes too much. Unnecessary penalties were the focal point of the game but tension was high as the existing rivalry made itself known early in the game.

The regular season starts for the Knights on Saturday at the Welland arena at 8 p.m. Their opponent is the always tough Penn State Nitanny Lions. So after going out tricking on Halloween; come treat yourself to some entertaining hockey.

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The Technobobs are the '87 intramural football champs. Seated from left, front, Randy Conlon, Darryl Nadeau; middle row, Guy DeDonatis, Steve Burrows, Jim McArthur, Tony Brunacki, Mike Heximer; back row, Roberto Bianchin, Dave Czerlau, Mario Bianchin, Kevin Martin and Larry Bone.

Photo By Rob Strohm

Defence leads team to perfect season

A strong defence led the Technobobs to the intramural football championship capping off a perfect season.

Not a single point was scored against the Technobobs in five games this season, including last Thursday's 7-0 victory over the Ambulance and Emergency Care Team.

Darryl Nadeau's 35-yard interception returned for a touchdown with 3½ minutes to go in the game provided the only points the Technobobs needed.

The Technobobs' stingy defence frustrated the ambulance team. They were forced to punt on all of their possessions but one.

GAVE SCARE

Early in the second half the ambulance team gave the Technobobs a scare, marching the ball to their 15-yard line. But on third down and six yards to go, the Technobobs tightened up their defence and held the other team.

The ambulance defence was equally stingy, allowing only an extra point conversion on a pass from Technobob quarterback Larry Bone to an open Mario Bianchin.

The Technobobs' opening drive was the only time in the game in which they successfully moved the ball down field. But they gambled and lost on a third-down attempt.

The Technobobs take pride in their defence as chants of "Defence Rules" could be heard following the game. "No team has scored a point on our defence in two years," Darryl said.

The Technobobs' talents go beyond touch football as they now take a two-year undefeated record into the intramural floor-hockey season, which started this week.

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Tennis team returns home beaten

The Niagara College tennis team returned home from Mohawk College last week, and results were somewhat less than spectacular.

The overall results were poor, and perhaps the biggest disappointment was the play of the men's doubles team of Larry Bone and Rick Holt. Coach Peter Rylander said they were inconsistent, noting that when one of them was playing well, the other would play poorly.

"The only time in which they both played well, they won," he said referring to the team's 10-6 victory over a team from St. Clair College in Windsor.

In the men's singles play, both Arnold Bucholz and George Polhronis fared well finishing with 2-2 records, but not qualifying for the medal round. Arnold and George both finished third in their respective pool of five.

Both the mixed doubles team of Al Bull and Kim Trombley, and Michelle Jimerson, who played in the women's singles pool, didn't fare so well. The doubles team were 0-3, and Michelle was 0-4. Both finished fourth in a pool of four.

Mr. Rylander said, "In order to make it to the medal round in this tournament, you must play tennis all summer. Michelle has good skills but she needs to play more, that's all."

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Nittany Lions invading Welland

By ROBERT STROHM
Staff Writer

The Lions are coming, the Lions are coming. Although Halloween is a time for ghosts and goblins to strut their stuff, this year it will be the Lions haunting the city of Welland. No not the lion, king of the jungle, it's the Lions of Penn State College.

At the Welland arena Saturday night, the Niagara Knights will play host to the Penn St. Nittany Lions in what may well be a vengeance match. Since joining the league in '85, the Lions have been ousted by Niagara's very own Knights in the semi-final of playdowns both years.

Penn St. sports a winning record for both seasons in the league but have had a tough time against the Knights in Welland. In their four appearances in the Welland arena, the Penn squad has managed only a single point against three defeats and probably want to remedy this problem on Saturday night.

Fred Bassi, Knights' coach, expects a well disciplined team in Penn St., with very good execution of their passing game. Mr. Bassi said the trend set between the two teams in previous contests is an aggressive and exciting style of hockey.

"There is a rivalry building here." He said the Lions will be hungry to try and break their slump in Welland and his team is looking forward to meeting Penn St.

With only a five-team league this year/ Buffalo State; Penn St.; Erie; Conestoga and Niagara/ every road game for each team is of great importance. A team who does not win on the road could find itself out of the play-offs.

Penn St. will be trying to start out on the right skate by winning on the road, especially in Welland. The Knights will be hoping to start the season at home on a positive note and perhaps grab two points from a tough opposition.

Whether it be the Lions trying to break a Niagara Knight hex or the Knights at home trying to conquer the Lions, one can be sure the ghosts and goblins will have nothing to do with the outcome.

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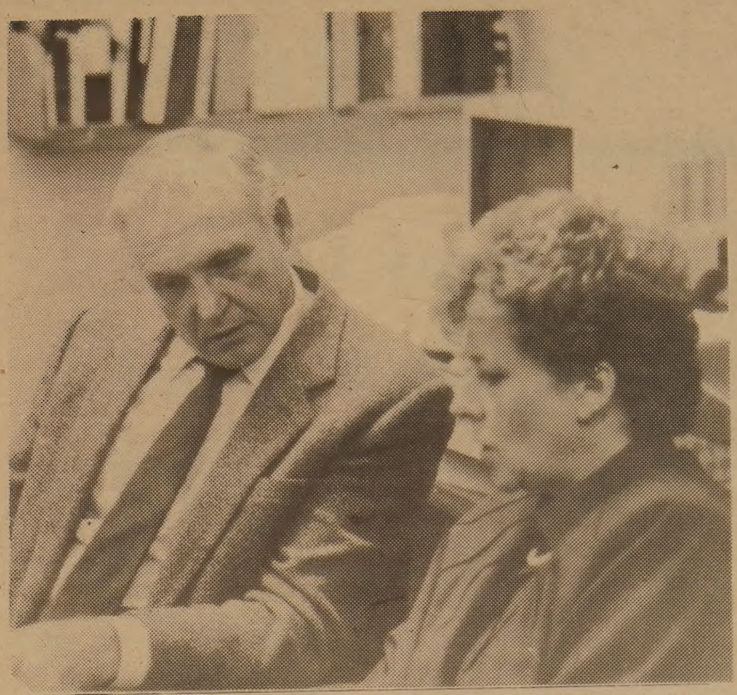

Contract Services, which operates under Continuing Education, has been busy and successful in its first year of operation. Eugene Gillies, manager, discusses with development officer Carol Johnstone the philosophy of their program: a very specific training plan designed for that particular need.

Photo by Dianne Hart

Custom courses part of Contract Services

By DIANNE HART
Staff Writer

Contract Services has successfully served more than 100 industrial and business clients in the Niagara Region since being officially started a year ago.

Contract Services, which operates under Continuing Education, develops custom-designed courses to meet companies and organizations' personal needs for on-the-job training to keep employees updated and companies competitive.

"We have been requested to put programs in other college areas as well," Eugene Gillies, manager of Contract Services, said. "We are also looking at the possibility of extending to the United States."

Development officer Carol Johnstone said, "We can address the needs of the community and that's our mandate. We go out and assess people's needs and give them exactly what they need. It's a very specific training plan designed for that particular need."

Mr. Gillies said it can start with almost anything that can come up. "A person will have an idea like I want to do this or I have a particular problem."

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Then Contract Services will make an initial contact, analyse and evaluate the situation, make a course outline, hire teachers to teach the program and help select the best funding mechanism. In some cases funding can be obtained through the Canada Employment Centre or the college.

Contract Services have been diversified in designing courses for computer training, welding, electronics, auto mechanics, health care areas, hospitality, fund-raising and management training.

Mr. Gillies said he would like to see contract services work with farmers and help them with management techniques and budgeting. Farmers also need to computerize their business because they have to change over some of their accounting system now from a cash to an accrual basis.

Contract Services co-operates with the Canada Employment Centre which has job development strategy programs. They have developed projects which the federal government funds for sponsors to train and help people into the work place.

Last year some 60 projects came into this region, and Niagara College's contract services were personally involved in 40 of these projects.

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